Governments have prepared Tourism policies:

(i) Himachal Pradesh
(ii) Maharashtra
(iii) Uttar Pradesh
(iv) Kerala
(v) Tamil Nadu
(vi) Madhya Pradesh
(vii) Gujarat
(viii) Andhra Pradesh
(ix) Karnataka
(x) West Bengal

Some of the States have prepared guidelines for specific sectors of tourism.

Air Cargo Operations performance of Air India and Indian Airlines

1818. SHRI ANANTRAY DEVSHANKER DAVE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether any target for Air Cargo Operations on international routes has been fixed for the quarter ending June, 1996;

(b) if so, the performance made during the said period;

(c) the details of steps taken to accelerate Air-Cargo Operations performance of Air India and Indian Airlines; and

(d) whether there is progressive decline in Air Cargo moved by these Airlines as compared to shipping?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) and (b) A,s against the target of Rs. 116.77 crores, Air India earned revenue of Rs. 93.13 crores for the quarter ending June, 1996. Indian Airlines does not fix targets for International cargo operations.

(c) Both, Air India and Indian Airlines are offering competitive rates, concentrating on yield management, carriage of high density cargo and small shipments to accelerate air cargo operations.

(d) Air cargo revenue earned by Air India and Indian Airlines has shown a continuous growth. The airlines do not maintain statistics regarding movement of cargo by sea.

Criteria for selection on Board of Directors of RBI

1819. SHRI ASHOK MITRA : Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria followed in selecting individuals to serve on the board of directors of Reserve Bank of India;

(b) whether adequate care is taken to ensure that individuals with dubious credentials do not come to occupy such important and sensitive positions; and

(c) whether in view of the fact that a former member of the board of directors is now under arrest and facing several criminal charges, an enquiry is proposed to be launched to ascertain the extent to which the individual concerned might have used his vantage position as member of RBI's central board of directors to further his own private interests and the interest of the company or companies he has been associated with?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) Appointment of Directors on the Central Board and Members on the Local Boards of Reserve Bank of India is made in accordance with the provisions of sections 8, 9 and 10 of Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934. Such appointments are made after due verification.

The conduct of the person referred to, in his capacity as the Chairman of a private company, is under investigation by an investigating agency. The investigating agencies are expected to look into all aspects having a material bearing on the allegations made against the said person.

Cases of Graudulent Drawback Detected by DRI

1820. DR. JAGANNATH MISHRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cases pertaining to the fraudulent drawback detected by the

Department of Revenue Intelligence during the last three years;

(b) How much amount is involved in each case; and

(c) the details of the action taken against the exporters?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) to (c) the information is placed as statement (see below).

Statement

(Information in reply to Rajya Sabha Question No. 1820 for 10th December, 1996)

YEAR	Name of the exporter	Amount of Drawback involved (Rs. in lakhs,'	Nature of offence)	Action taken
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
1993-94		NIL		
1994-95	1. M/s. Radhika Enterprises, Bangalore	32.36	Suspected to have exported ordinary Steel tools whereas they have declared as high speed steel planner and shaper tools.	Drawback claim rejected.
	2. M/s. Manjunath Enterprises, Bangalore	35.94	-do-	-do-
1995-96	1. M/s. Jain Exports, M.G. road, Calcutta	46.10	Misdeclaration of the goods exported	Two persons arrested. Show Cause Notice issued in Fed., 1996 And April, 19[illegible]
	2. M/s. C.N.B. Exports, Pandetiya Road Calcutta	12.00	-do-	Show Cause Notice issued in June, 1996
	3. M/s. Texcomisa Exports, Defence colony New Delhi	120.00	Overinvoicing of Readymade Garments exported to Russia. Some consignments were diverted to other [illegible]	During investigation party has. deposited Rs. 120 lakhs. Investigation is being finalised.
	4. M/s. Chanakya Exports, New Delhi	41.00	Firm had exported goods to Russia on a third party basis and have overinvoiced value of garments.	Show Cause Notic issued. e

(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(3)
1995-96	5. M/s. Bajaj Machine Tools	24.01	Party is non-existent. Attempted to export tools made of cast iron which were declared as High Speed Drilling Tools.	Show Cause Notice of issued.
	6. M/s. Unimac India Ltd., New Delhi	35.26	All these firms had attempted to export cycle parts to grossly overinvoiced	Show Cause Ntotice issued. Pending adjudication.
	7. M/s. Gulishta Industries, New Delhi	35.92		
	8. M/s. Sobat India Ltd., New Delhi	38.44		
	9. M/s. R. K. International		Power Transistors exported by	All the three firms were operated by
	10. M/s. Jhanji Export	144.00	the vlaue of the goods.	single person. Show
	11. M/s. Universal Exim Exim.			cause notice was issued by Mumbai Customs. Amount
	12. M/s. Star Time			Rs. 19.5 lakh was deposited by the party as Customs duty during investigation stage itself. One person Shri Satpal Jhapji was arrested.
	13. M/s. Electa Electronics	8.75	-do-	Both the firms are operated by same person Entire amount of drawback was deposited during the investigation. Show Cause Notice under issuance.
1995-96	14. M/s. SVR Enterprises	8.07	Power Tansistors were exported by inflating the value of the goods	Rs. 4,88,600/ depostited by the party. Show Cause Notice is being issued.
	15. M/s. Sharp Exports	32.12	-do-	Rs. l,20,000/- deposited at the initial stages of the investigation. Show Case Notice is being issued.

	16. M/s. Nirman Exports 17. M/s. Formuling Technology	12.22	Power Tansistors were exported by inflating the value of the goods	Both the firms are operated by the same family. An amount of Rs. 1,500,000/- has been deposted. Show Cause Notice is being issued.
	18. M/s. Kan Karan Exports	18.22	-do-	The case is still under investigation.
	19. M/s. Sanlu Leather Crafts	11.19	-do-	Show Cause Notice is being issued.
	20. M/s. Alcozin Exports	0.95	-do-	Show Cause Notice is being issued.
1996-97 Upto 31.10.96	21 M/s. Jurek Exports and Jurek International Paharganj, Delhi	44.00	The firm were in handling and forwarding brought by Russians in India and Air lifted through Delhi and claiming drawback on these goods showing the them.	During the firm have paid Rs. 35 lakhs as refund.

Targets for collection of excise/customs duty

1821. DR. B. B. DUTTA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the targets set for the collection of both union excise and customs duties during 1995-96 and 1996-97;

(b) how far those have been realised; and

(c) details of the steps taken to improve realisation through those taxes?

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) and (b) Budget estimates for realisation of customs and union excise duties during 1995-96 were Rs. 29500 Crore and Rs. 42579 Crore respectively and the estimates for the year, 1996-97 are respectively Rs. 44435 Crore and Rs. 46592 Crore. Collections during 1995-96 are provisionally placed- at Rs. 35500 Crore from Customs duties and Rs. 40785 Crore from union excise duties. Provisional collection figures' for the period April, 1996 November, 1996 are respectively Rs. 26778 Crore and Rs. 27955 Crore from customs and union excise duties. The figures in respect of excise duties are exclusive of cesses not administered by the department of Revenue.